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Malawi

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Malawi due to civil unrest. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for each entry stamp/visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate

+(265) 1-773-166, 1-773-342 and 1-773-367 (Dial "0" before the "1" within Malawi); EMER: +(265) (0) 999-591-024 or +(265) (0) 888-734-826; US Embassy in Lilongwe, PO Box 30016, 16 Jomo Kenyatta Road, Lilongwe 3, Malawi

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Sub-tropical; rainy season (November to May); dry season (May to November)

Currency (Code)

Malawian kwachas (MWK)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): G



Major Languages

English, Chichewa (common), Chinyanja, Chiyao, Chitumbuka, Chilomwe, Chinkhonde, Chingoni, Chisena, Chitonga, Chinyakyusa, Chilambya

Religions

Protestant 33.5%, Roman Catholic 17.2%, other Christian 26.6%, Muslim 13.8%, traditionalist 1.1%, other 5.6%, none 2.1%

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist destinations	Lake Malawi; Mulanje Mountain Forest Reserve; Likoma Island; Liwonde National Park; Zomba Plateau; Chongoni Rock-Art
Cultural Practices	Making a circle with the thumb and index finger can be taken as an insult.
Tipping Guidelines	Tipping is completely voluntary and dependent on the quality of the service you receive. Group guides and general hotel staff should receive \$5-10 (USD) per day.
Telephone Code	265
Local Emergency Phone	Ambulance: 998; Fire: 999; Police: 997

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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